REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's assertion that, for SEQ ID NOs:22 and 24, the Sequence Listing needs to indicate in <223> that the primers are antisense. Applicants submit that 37 C.F.R. § 1.823 states that the Sequence Listing shall include:

...the actual nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence, the numeric identifiers and their accompanying information as shown in the following table.

In the instant case of SEQ ID NOs:22 and 24, for the relevant category "Other information" (e.g. <223>) where the ORGANISM is "Artificial Sequence", the above-referenced Table of 37 C.F.R. § 1.823 states that Applicants should supply "Other relevant information". Nowhere does the rule state or even imply that Applicants must indicate that a PCR primer is sense or antisense. Applicants submit that the "Other relevant information" that Applicants filed in response to the Examiner's previous rejection of the Sequence Listing, mailed on December 18, 2003, was more than adequate. In particular, in their response filed January 9, 2004, Applicants recited the following relevant information regarding the PCR primers, as stated in the specification as filed: "Primer for PCR amplification of a human WT1". Applicants submit that the skilled artisan would be able to determine with ease whether the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO:22 or 24 is sense or antisense, particularly when this information is clearly stated in the specification as filed at page 116.

Notwithstanding the above, solely to expedite prosecution of the claims on the merits, Applicants have amended the Sequence Listing as requested by the Examiner.

The enclosed electronic and paper copies of the Sequence Listing include no new matter that goes beyond the original application as filed. Furthermore, the above amendments, which merely direct the insertion of the Sequence Listing and insertion of sequence identifiers, include no matter that goes beyond the original application as filed. Applicants respectfully Application No. 09/685,830 Response to Communication from the Examiner of April 7, 2004

submit that the above-identified application is now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 and WIPO Standard ST. 25.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Declaration Regarding Sequence Listing
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